

## TRAINING

To get the maximum use of technology training is generally required. We recommend this be done as early as possible so you are aware of both what is available and any special requirements that may apply to your presentation. We are available at your convenience but in any event you must schedule training in advance of trial.

To arrange your training please contact:

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### **Judges for the Northern District**

Chief Judge Mark W. Bennett

District Judge Linda R. Reade

Sr. Judge Edward J. McManus

Sr. Judge Donald E. O'Brien

Ch. Magistrate Judge John A. Jarvey

Magistrate Judge Paul A. Zoss

## **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE:**

**[www.iand.uscourts.gov](http://www.iand.uscourts.gov)**

**Or by contacting:**

**U.S. District Court  
Sioux City, Iowa  
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Northern District of Iowa  
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District of Iowa

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Electronic  
Courtroom  
Sioux City, Iowa**

**The Honorable  
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Chief Judge  
United States District  
Court**



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Electronic Courtroom  
Sioux City, Iowa**

This brochure provides an overview of the components available in the Donald E. O'Brien courtroom. For more information please contact systems staff. The equipment currently available includes:

- **SAMSUNG DIGITAL PRESENTER** enables counsel to present evidence to the judge and jury via courtroom monitors/projection screen. This evidence can be in any medium (documents, pictures, negatives, x-rays, 3-d objects). The judge can turn off downstream monitors/screens to preview evidence before it's admitted for jury viewing.
- **PROJECTION SCREEN** is an 8' x 10' screen placed across from the jury enabling them to see all evidence presented on the Samsung, video cassette, laser disk or pc.



- **FLATPANEL MONITORS** are placed on the attorney tables, judge's bench, witness stand, presentation cart and clerk's desk. These monitors are hooked directly into the projection system.

- **ANNOTATION MONITORS** are housed on the witness stand and presentation cart enabling witnesses and counsel to draw, point and highlight any exhibit being presented.
- **PRESENTATION CART** houses the following items:

**ADA Compliant Lectern**

**Video Cassette Player** for videotaped depositions and other taped exhibits.

**Laser Disk Player** for evidence captured in laser disk format - includes bar code reader for quick retrieval of exhibits.

**Cassette Player** allows playback of audio cassette tapes.

**Color Video Printer** prints a 3 x 5 inch color photo of any evidence captured from the projection system.

**Multi-media PC** used to capture White Board images and can also be used for PowerPoint and Trial Director.



- **REALTIME TRANSCRIPTION** viewing is provided via court-owned laptops. You can make arrangements with the court reporter if you want copies of transcripts.
- **ELECTRONIC WHITEBOARD** - can be used much like a traditional blackboard or flip chart to do calculations, drawings, diagrams or other illustrations. Your work is immediately projected onto the court's projection screen. In addition the images are captured on the multi-media pc where they can be stored, saved or printed. Finally, the White Board gives you the choice of using up to 4 colors.

- **ATTORNEY "SMART TABLES"** contain access plates for realtime reporting, modem access, local area network and laptop connections for display of PowerPoint or other presentation software.



- **VIDEO CONFERENCING** - allows the court to include as many as three remote sites in a video conference giving the flexibility to hold hearings and to take witness testimony from the sites. Since compatible sites exist across the county the court's video conferencing capacity is now nation wide.
- **VIDEO CONFERENCE REQUIREMENTS** - we will need a contact name and phone number as well as the dialup number of the remote conference equipment so that we can test the connection prior to trial. Contact the Judge's chambers with this information at least one week prior to trial.
- **LAPTOP PRESENTATION** can be done using a variety of presentation software packages including (but not limited to) PowerPoint, Corel Presentations, Harvard Graphics and Trial Director.

**- LAPTOP PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS:**

*Although most laptops are compatible with our video system we've found during pretrial testing that the following modifications may need to be made;*

- monitor refresh rate set to 70 hertz
- screen area 1024x768 or lower

*The only way to ensure a successful laptop presentation is to test it several days prior to trial. Please note, our systems staff may need to make modifications to your computer equipment to make it compatible with our system.*